

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 745

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Wes Stowers of Knoxville on being named the sixty-ninth President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Wes Stowers of Knoxville, who was recently named the sixty-ninth President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association (TRBA); and

WHEREAS, born in Bluefield, West Virginia, and raised in Chattanooga, Mr. Stowers is a graduate of the McCallie School, the United States Air Force Academy, from which he holds a degree in management, and the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute, from which he holds a master's degree in aeronautical science; and

WHEREAS, during his Air Force career, Wes Stowers was a fighter pilot and instructor, achieving the rank of Major before he retired from active duty and joined the U.S. Air Force Reserve where he rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel; and

WHEREAS, entering civilian life, Mr. Stowers joined Stowers Machinery Corp., a Caterpillar equipment distributor for East Tennessee, where he worked his way up to become President in 1992 and President/CEO in 2007; and

WHEREAS, as the sixty-ninth President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association, Wes Stowers is the first Associate Member in the history of the TRBA to become president of the association; and

WHEREAS, a man with an astute business mind, Mr. Stowers previously served the TRBA as First Vice President, Second Vice President and Treasurer, chairman of the TRBA

Associate Division, chairman of the TRBA Legislative Committee, and chairman of the THC-PAC committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stowers volunteered his time while serving with distinction on the board of directors for nearly twenty trade associations, nonprofit groups, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal accomplishments aside, Mr. Stowers is thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of thirty-seven years, Liz Stowers; his daughters, Lisa Stowers Rottmann and Rachel Stowers Kinney; and his granddaughter, Natalie Rachel Rottmann; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Wes Stowers for his dedication to the road building industry and for making this State's exemplary highway system even better; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Wes Stowers on being named the sixty-ninth President of the Tennessee Road Builders Association, honor and commend him for his meritorious service to the transportation needs of his fellow Tennesseans, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.